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Washington, D.C. 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO AN OFFICE ACTION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.136

1. Transmitted herewith is a response to an Office Action dated December 4, 2001, in the above-identified application.

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Small Entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established.

____ Enclosed is a verified statement to establish Small Entity status.

____ Other than a Small Entity.

3. The fee has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY		LARGE ENTITY	
Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For		Extra	Present Rate	Fee	Present Rate	Fee
TOTAL	31	MINUS	11	= 0	x \$9	\$0	x \$18	\$00
INDEP.	2	MINUS	0	= 0	x \$40	\$0	x \$80	\$0
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$135	\$0	+ \$270	\$0
TOTALS					TOTAL FEE	\$	TOTAL FEE	\$00

- ☆ If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write "0" in Col. 3.
 ☆☆ If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.
 ☆☆☆ If the "Highest No. Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space.

The "Highest Number Previously Paid for" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.

 X No additional fee for claims is required.

4. Attached is a check in the sum of .

 Please charge my Deposit Account No. 23-3000 in the amount of \$.

A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

5. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 apply.

Complete (a) or (b) as applicable.

- (a) X Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 for the total number of months checked below:

Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<u>2</u> two months	\$ 400.00	\$200.00
three months	\$ 890.00	\$445.00
four months	\$1,390.00	\$695.00

X Attached is a check in the amount of \$200.00 for the two month extension fee as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(c)

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

____ An extension for ____ months has already been secured and the fee paid thereof of \$ ____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. Extension fee due with this request \$ ____.

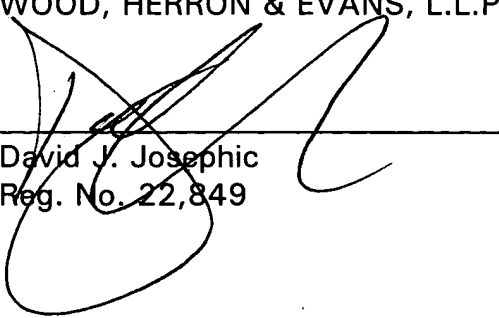
OR

(b) _____ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

XX If any additional fee for claims or extension of time is required, charge Account No. 23-3000. A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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